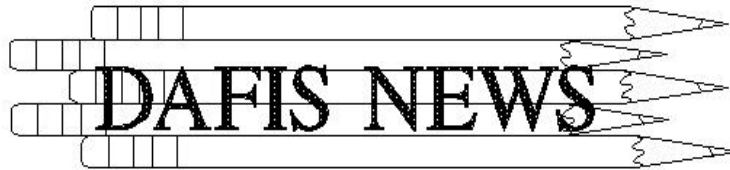




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From the Director's Office...

Changes to DAFIS and Special Requests

....Ron Weston, DAFIS Project Office

The Office of Financial Management (B-30) and the DOT Financial Management Committee (FMC) are now exercising greater control over the utilization of DAFIS resources to insure that resources are properly aligned with DOT's financial management vision. In this regard, B-30 has recently requested that all changes to DAFIS be forwarded to them for review, prioritization, and control. This includes system change requests (SCRs), requests for DAFIS file extracts and downloads, requests for Natural programs and any other ad-hoc DAFIS changes routinely handled by the DAFIS Project Office (SVC-161) and the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center (MMAC) DAFIS staff.

To initiate this change, B-30 has established a Fast Track SCR process for the submission, review and prioritization of SCRs. As a part of

this process, each operating administration was requested to submit their top three SCRs to B-30 for Fast Track considerations. Those SCRs approved for Fast Track processing will be forwarded to M-31 and MMAC for scheduling and implementation.

The submission of Fast Track SCRs and other requests to B-30 should provide greater centralized control over DAFIS and allow for a more systematic department-wide evaluation, coordination, approval or disapproval and prioritization of DAFIS workload.

This change in procedures is effective immediately. SCRs or any other request for DAFIS changes should now be sent to:

Office of Financial Management (B-30)
ATTN: Evelyn Brown, Rm 9130
400 7th Street SW
Washington DC 20590
Phone: (202) 366-5626
FAX: (202) 366-7174

If you have questions or desire additional information, please contact Evelyn Brown. ☺

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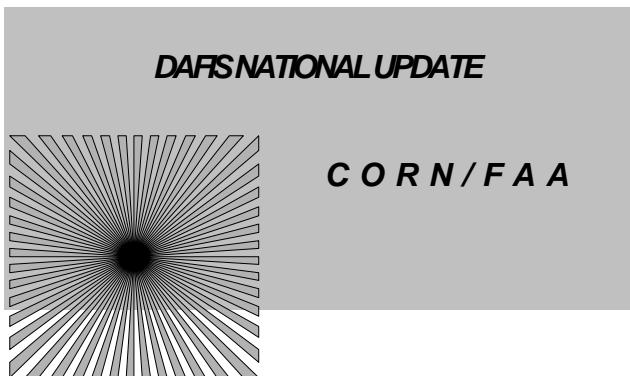


ASK DAFIS NEWS

Q: Why is the Prior Year Recovery (PYR) carryforward amount zero on both the Allotment Control File and Fiscal Status File?

A: The PYR carryforward amount field on the Allotment Control File and the Fiscal Status File did not serve any useful purpose for financial managers. Therefore, the Office of Financial Management (B-30) has approved the deletion of the amount field and it will no longer appear on either file.

If you have a question for the "Ask DAFIS NEWS" column, please write to the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, Attn: DAFIS NEWS (AMZ-2B), P. O. Box 25082, Oklahoma City, OK 73125. DAFIS NEWS fax number is (405) 954-4380.



...Jacque Estes, Production Systems Support, AMI-500A

The DAFIS National Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) application conversion has been completed. As most FAAers know, the DAFIS National application processes data

for all 14 FAA regions now at the (Computer Resources Network) CORN (Automated Data Processing) ADP Facility in Plano, Texas. Formerly this application ran on regional Data General mini-computers and was one of the non-compatible applications to be converted to CORN.

DAFIS National has remained largely a batch/interface system with the majority of jobs run in batch mode by the CONTROL-M Scheduling software. DAFIS National provides information to the FAA community in the form of data sets, reports, and fiche, in addition to providing interfacing files to over 27 other application systems in CORN.

RIS-TABLE REPORT and MICROFICHE PROCESSING

On-line Reports Identification Symbol (RIS)-Table functions allow regional administrators to perform inquiry, updating, deletion, data entry and report functions on the DAFIS National RIS-Table ADABAS database.

Microfiche generated from the RIS-Table for DAFIS National is automatically transmitted to the CORN microfiche vendor, First Image.

New programming additions allow multiple destination banner pages for each copy of a report as input from regional RIS-Table administrators. Banner pages are generated in bold font for easy reading and distribution.

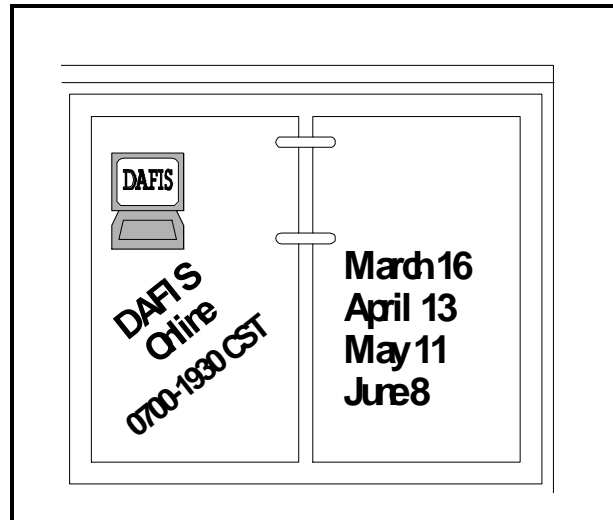
Print form control from the RIS-Table allows simplex, duplex, portrait and landscape print capabilities to the FAA user community from the online RIS-Table.

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A 'Post - Implementation' Resource Access Control Facility (RACF)/National Chargeback System (NCS) review is the next project on the agenda. The purpose is to review security and costs being allocated to DAFIS National. Changes will be made accordingly to provide the best possible service at the best possible price. ☺



VOUCHER EXAMINATION MODULE

VEM-WINDOWS

...Rosemary Redmond, VEM Team, AMZ-200

The new *Windows* version of the DAFIS Voucher Examination Module is being system tested in preparation for a User Test and Acceptance. *VEM-Windows* is written in Natural for Windows as part of the "Natural On-line Visual Architecture" (NOVA) effort by AMI-500, AMZ-200 and AMZ-2B at MMAC, Oklahoma City. The new system will include processing of commitments, obligations, receipts/accruals, and invoices against purchase orders, contracts and blanket purchase orders. It will be capable of accepting interface transactions from procurement systems through a standard interface format.

The new *Windows* features being incorporated into *VEM-Windows* will make a product that is easier to use and more productive than the text-based system. The VEM Invoice Header Update screen on page 4 is just an example of the new screen formats. Current VEM customers will notice a similarity in the invoice summary data captured.

One helpful feature is a 'Vendor Find' using as many positions in the vendor's name as desired and optionally the Zip Code. Once vendors with matching values are displayed the appropriate vendor may be selected for the invoice.

VEM-Windows uses the 'point-and-click' feature of NOVA and selection boxes with scrolling capability. The screen on the next page allows the customer to scroll through and select an invoice for inquiry or further processing. And matching invoices to obligations has never been so easy! Just scroll down to the

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line/accounting classification you want and click to select.

VEM-Windows also uses selection boxes to build contract and purchase order obligations by clicking on the appropriate accounting classification established by the Procurement Request (commitment).

More information about VEM-Windows will be forthcoming as we approach implementation, so keep reading the DAFIS NEWS! ☺

The screenshot shows the 'VEM Invoice Header Update' window. At the top is a menu bar with 'File', 'Batch', 'Inq', 'Table', 'Payments', 'File Maint', 'A/R', 'VEM', 'Other', 'Window', and 'Help'. Below the menu is a toolbar with various icons. The main form area contains several sections: 'Region/District' with a dropdown set to '1'; 'Status' with buttons for 'Obl', 'Recv', and 'Inv'; 'Errors' with a text box; 'File Ref Num' with a text box; 'PIIN' with a text box containing 'DTFA0396C00002'; 'SPIIN' with a text box containing '000000001'; 'Invoice Number' with a text box containing '003' and a dropdown arrow; 'Generate Accrual' checkbox; 'Request' section with radio buttons for 'Add' (selected), 'Inquiry', 'Change', and 'Delete'; 'Invoice Dates' section with 'Inv' (120295), 'Inv Recv' (121695), and 'AO Recv' (122095); 'Receiving Dates' section with 'Recv' (123195) and 'Accept' (123195); 'Codes' section with 'Reason' and 'Reject' dropdowns; 'Amounts' section with 'Invoice' (8200.00), 'Freight' (0.00), and 'Other' (0.00); 'Prompt Pay' with a dropdown set to 'P'; 'Audit Flag' checkbox; 'Unit Price in Mills' text box; 'Certified' (010296); 'Final Inv' checkbox; 'Approving Official Name' text box; 'Terms' section with 'Percent' (2.000), 'Days' (20), and 'Net' (30); 'Orig' text box; 'Agency' (T); 'Vendor Info' section with 'Type' (3), 'SSN' (32140), and a 'Vendor is OK' checkbox; and a 'Comment' text box containing 'DECEMBER 95'. At the bottom are buttons for 'OK', 'Clear', 'Close', and 'Help', along with a link that says 'Click here to show vendor address'.

VEM-Windows Invoice Header Update

FSM Download Timeframe.....

Financial Statement Module (FSM) data may be downloaded from DAFIS until the last business day of the month. All agencies must download their data before the end of each month. Monthend processing deletes the previous month's data so current month data may be loaded to the FSM download file. For example, during February monthend processing, January data is deleted from the file and the February data is loaded.